

Candidates for State Office  
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**Being Voted on November 4, 2008**

<i>Filing Deadline</i>	<i>Type of Statement</i>	<i>Period Covered</i> <sup>1/</sup>	<i>Method of Delivery</i> <sup>2/</sup>
Within 10 Business Days	\$5,000 Report <sup>3/</sup>	Any time other than 90-day election cycle (see below)	✧ Online or Electronically with Secretary of State
July 31, 2008	Semi-Annual	<sup>1/</sup> – 6/30/08	✧ Personal Delivery ✧ First Class Mail
Within 24 Hours	90-Day Election Cycle Report <sup>4/</sup>	8/6/08 – 11/4/08	✧ Online or Electronically with Secretary of State
October 6, 2008 <sup>5/</sup>	Pre-Election	7/1/08 – 9/30/08	✧ Personal Delivery ✧ First Class Mail
Within 48 Hours	Issue Advocacy Report <sup>6/</sup>	9/20/08 – 11/3/08	✧ Online or Electronically with Secretary of State
October 23, 2008	Pre-Election	10/1/08 – 10/18/08	✧ Personal Delivery ✧ Guaranteed Overnight Service
Within 24 Hours	Late Contributions <sup>7/</sup> and Late Independent Expenditures <sup>8/</sup>	10/19/08 – 11/3/08	✧ Personal Delivery ✧ Guaranteed Overnight Service ✧ Fax
February 2, 2009 <sup>5/</sup>	Semi-Annual	10/19/08 – 12/31/08	✧ Personal Delivery ✧ First Class Mail

**State Ballot Measure Expenditures**

Within 10 Business Days	\$5,000 496/497 Report <sup>9/</sup>	<sup>1/</sup> - date of expenditure	✧ Online or Electronically with Secretary of State
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**Footnotes:**

<sup>1/</sup> **Period Covered:** The period covered by any statement begins on the day after the closing date of the last statement filed, or January 1, if no previous statement has been filed.

<sup>2/</sup> **Electronic Filers:** Committees must file electronically with the Secretary of State if, since January 1, 2000, they receive contributions or make expenditures totaling \$50,000 or more. For more information, visit the Secretary of State's web site at [www.sos.ca.gov](http://www.sos.ca.gov). Paper filings are also required except as described in footnotes 3, 4, 6, and 8.

<sup>3/</sup> **\$5,000 Reports:** Electronic filers must file Form 497 if they receive a contribution of \$5,000 or more from a single source at any time other than the 90-day election cycle (see footnote 4), including after the election. No paper copies are required, and no copies are required to be filed with other filing officers. This report is not required for committees primarily formed to support or oppose state candidates.

<sup>4/</sup> **90-Day Election Cycle Reports:** "Election cycle" is defined as 90 days prior to an election and ending on the date of election.

Electronic filers must file Form 497 if they receive a contribution of \$1,000 or more from a single source during the period. This report is not required for committees primarily formed to support or oppose state candidates.

Electronic filers must also file Form 496 if an independent expenditure of \$1,000 or more is made during the period to support or oppose a state candidate or a state ballot measure being voted on November 4, 2008. (Also see footnote 8.)

No paper copies are required, and no copies are required to be filed with other filing officers, including during the late period.

<sup>5/</sup> **Extended Deadlines:** Because the October 5 deadline falls on Sunday, and the January 31, 2009 filing deadline falls on Saturday, these filing deadlines are extended to October 6, 2008, and February 2, 2009, respectively.

<sup>6/</sup> **Issue Advocacy Reports:** A committee must file Form E-530 if a payment or a promise of payment of \$50,000 or more is made during the 45 days prior to an election for a communication that clearly identifies a state candidate being voted on in the election but does not expressly advocate the election or defeat of the candidate. No paper copy is required and no copies are required to be filed with other filing officers.

<sup>7/</sup> **Late Non-Monetary Contributions:** The recipient of a late in-kind contribution must file a late contribution report within 48 hours from the time the in-kind contribution is received.

<sup>8/</sup> **Prohibition on Candidate Independent Expenditures:** A controlled committee may not make independent expenditures to support or oppose candidates and may not contribute to another committee for the purpose of making independent expenditures to support or oppose other candidates.

<sup>9/</sup> **State Ballot Measure Expenditures:** Electronic filers must file Form 496 or 497 each time they make contributions or independent expenditures totaling \$5,000 or more to support or oppose the qualification or passage of a single state ballot measure. No paper copies are required, and no copies are required to be filed with other filings officers. Independent expenditures of \$1,000 or more made within 90 days before a state election are required to be reported within 24 hours. (See footnote 4.)

#### **Additional Notes:**

- **Primarily Formed Ballot Measure Committees:**

Prior to the semi-annual period in which the measure(s) supported or opposed is being voted on, committees must file quarterly campaign statements in addition to semi-annual statements. Following the election, quarterly statements may also be required. Please refer to the Q&A's for additional information.

**Candidates:** After an election, reporting requirements will depend on whether the candidate is successful.

- **Late Statements:** Except for deadlines that fall on a Saturday, Sunday, or an official state holiday, filing deadlines may not be extended. Late statements are subject to a \$10 per day late fine.

- All statements are public documents.

- **Contribution Limits:** Contributions to state candidates and to committees that make contributions to state candidates are subject to contribution limits. Some committees that feature state candidates in advertisements are also subject to contribution limits.

- **Paid Spokesperson:** A committee that makes an expenditure totaling \$5,000 or more to an individual to appear in an advertisement to support or oppose a ballot measure must report the expenditure within 10 days on FPPC Form 511.

As of the date of this publication (10/07), the Campaign Disclosure Manual for State candidates (Manual 1) contains the most recent information on campaign disclosure requirements. Be sure to check the FPPC web site ([www.fppc.ca.gov](http://www.fppc.ca.gov)) for updated information.